



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 544

LCO No. 2639

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Referred to Committee on Commerce

Introduced by:
(CE)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MANUFACTURING WORKFORCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) The Commissioner of Economic
2 and Community Development shall conduct a survey to gather
3 information on steps that should be taken to encourage the
4 development of a manufacturing workforce in the state. Such
5 commissioner shall consult with (1) state agencies, including the Labor
6 Department, the Department of Higher Education, the Office of
7 Workforce Competitiveness, the Office of the Business Advocate,
8 Connecticut Innovations, Inc., the Connecticut Development
9 Authority, and the Office of Policy and Management, (2) federally-
10 funded entities such as the Connecticut Center for Advanced
11 Technology and the Small Business Administration, and (3) other
12 entities, including state-wide associations advocating for business,
13 manufacturing and employment.

14 (b) Said commissioner shall compile the results of the survey
15 undertaken pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and develop an
16 action plan for establishing and growing the manufacturing workforce,
17 including, but not limited to, curriculum and methods for attracting

18 and training workers new to the job market, curriculum and methods
19 for retraining current workers, and recommended steps for continuous
20 monitoring of the job skills needed by state manufacturers and
21 suggested responses to such needs.

22 (c) Not later than January 1, 2009, said commissioner shall submit a
23 report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
24 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
25 having cognizance of matters relating to the Department of Economic
26 and Community Development. Such report shall include the results
27 of the survey and action plan required pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2008	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To promote a strong manufacturing presence in the state by ensuring a skilled workforce responsive to manufacturing's needs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]